

Making an Invention Notebook

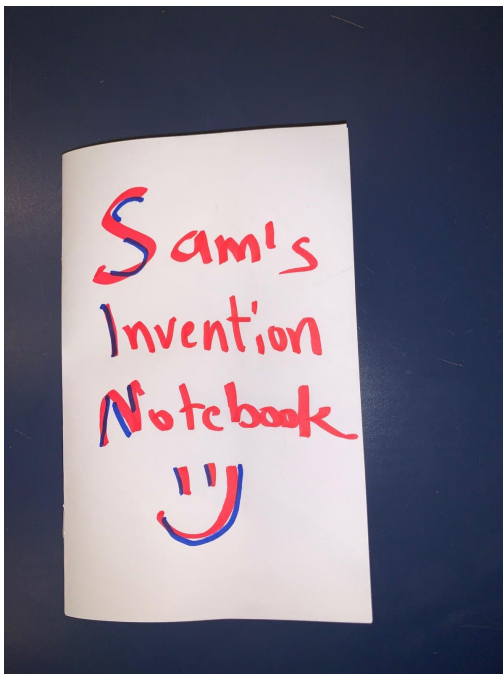
You can use a notebook that you already have for an Invention Notebook or you can print the one that is provided. You can reuse a 3-ring binder. You can fill it with paper you have, or you can print up the Invention Notebook sheets that are provided. That's great!

Abby's notebook was made of graph paper, and graph paper is great because it can help you measure things. Lined paper and plain paper are also good. Lined paper can help you with keeping lists and writing neatly. Plain paper gives you space for creative drawing. All types of paper can be used!

You can also make a notebook from scratch. This might be more fun and creative! You can use regular paper or construction paper. Cardboard from things like cereal boxes or waffle boxes makes great covers.

Here are images from Sam's and Alex's Invention Notebooks.

You can fold the paper and staple it in the center, like in this photo of Sam's Invention Notebook. This is a very easy way to make a notebook. Do you see the center fold-line in the picture on the right? Do you see the staples facing inward?



Alex's Invention Notebook has bigger pages. If you want bigger pages, too, you can keep the paper flat and staple it along one edge. You may want to add a construction paper or cardboard cover. You can punch holes along the edge and use string to bind it. If you want to make a cardboard cover, with an adult's supervision, you can cut out thin cardboard, like a cereal box, to make a cover.

Alex's notebook is filled with full sheets of 8½ by 11" printer paper. The cover is made out of a cardboard cereal box that was to be recycled. The cardboard was cut to fit into a 3-hole punch. Ribbon was laced through the holes once the holes were punched in the paper and cardboard. See what Alex's notebook looks like on the outside and inside.

